

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are subject to restriction under 35 U.S.C § 121 among:

- I) Claims 1-8, classified in class 600, subclass 587; and
- II) Claims 9-12 classified in class 700, subclass 7.

Applicants hereby elect, without transverse, to prosecute in this application the subject matter of claims 1-8, and to retain the non-elected claims 9-12 in the application, unexamined, pending allowance of a generic or linking claim.

Favorable action is solicited.

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